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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/998,807	Applicant(s) KANNANKERIL, CHARLES	
	Examiner Victor S Chang	Art Unit 1771	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24,26-31,33-39,41,44,45 and 47-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24,26-31,33-39,41,44,45 and 47-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's amendments and remarks filed on 7/28/2003. Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-18, 25, 32, 40, 42-43 and 46, and amendments to claims 19-24, 26-31, 33-39, 41, 44-45 and 47-50 have all been entered.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Rejections not maintained are withdrawn.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 45, 19 and 21, and elsewhere, are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 45, line 2, please change "composite material" to --article--. Appropriate correction is required.

Additionally, in view of the phrase "second backing" at line 2 of claim 21, the Examiner suggests that Applicant may wish to amend the term "backing" at line 8 of claim 19, and line 2 of claim 21, and elsewhere, to --first backing--.

Response to Amendment

5. Claims 19-45 and 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orologio (US 6514596) in view of Waggoner et al. (US 6355333),

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substantially for the reasons set forth in section 10 of Paper No. 3, together with the following additional observations.

With respect to Applicant's Response arguing that "neither Waggoner nor Orologio teach or suggest a perforated insulating sheet having gas filled cavities" (Remarks, page 6, paragraph 5), the Examiner notes that Applicant argues the cited references individually. In response to Applicant's arguments, it is asserted that one cannot show non-obviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. The Examiner repeats (see Paper No. 3, page 7, top paragraph) that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art of insulation to perforate Orologio's insulation bubble bubble-pack in the land area, because perforating the bubbles would inherently damage the insulation value of the bubble pack, then laminate it to a moisture permeable, waterproof backing such as a spunbonded polymer sheet, motivated by the desire to obtain improved moisture permeability and waterproof property.

With respect to Applicant's argument that "there is no motivation to perforate the land areas of the sheet having air-filled cavities, because Orologio's foil sheet would still preclude water vapor transmission" (Remarks, page 7, second full paragraph), the Examiner notes that Orologio expressly teaches that the foil is interposed between and bonded to the bubble packs (column 4, lines 63-65), as such, clearly the foil would have been inherently perforated with the bubble-pack in the land areas, Applicant's argument to the contrary notwithstanding.

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6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor S Chang whose telephone number is 703-605-4296. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel H Morris can be reached on 703-308-2414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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